

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: FAA

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Federal Aviation Administration, after receiving testimony from Marion C. Blakey, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, and Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General, both of the Department of Transportation.

### OCEAN POLICY REPORT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy Report, which provides a blueprint for a coordinated, comprehensive national ocean policy for the 21st century, including 200 action-oriented recommendations concerning ocean and coastal-related issues, after receiving testimony from Admiral James D. Watkins, USN (Ret.), Chairman, U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, who was accompanied by several of his associates.

### OCEAN POLICY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy Report, focusing on broad range ocean and coastal-related issues for the 21st Century, after receiving testimony from Representatives Farr and Ehlers; and Admiral James D. Watkins, USN (Ret.), Chairman, and Robert Ballard, Marc J. Hershman, Christopher Koch, Edward B. Rasmuson, Andrew A. Rosenberg, and Paul A. Sandifer, each a Commissioner, all of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy.

### IRAQ TRANSITION

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded hearings to examine obstacles and opportunities regarding the Iraq transition, focusing on the Administration's plans for the transition to Iraqi sovereignty, after receiving testimony from Marc Grossman, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs, and Francis J. Ricciardone, Jr., Coordinator, Iraq Transition Team, both of the Department of State; Peter W. Rodman, Assistant Secretary for International Security Affairs, and Lieutenant General Claude Kicklighter (Ret.), Transition Chief, Coalition Provisional Authority, both of the Department of Defense; and Andrew S. Natsios, Administrator, United States Agency for International Development.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Lauren Moriarty, of Hawaii, to be Ambassador during her tenure of service as United States Senior Official to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum, Christopher R. Hill, of Rhode Island, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, Michael W. Marine, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to Vietnam, and Patricia M. Haslach, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to Laos, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### U.S.-CHINA RELATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs concluded a hearing to examine U.S.-China relations and the status of reforms in China, focusing on human rights conditions and the prospects for democracy in China, after receiving testimony from Lorne W. Craner, Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor; Richard Lawless, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense; Arthur Waldron, University of Pennsylvania Department of History, Philadelphia; and Thea Lee, AFL-CIO, Pieter Bottelier, Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, and Roger W. Robinson, Jr., U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, all of Washington, D.C.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jendayi Elizabeth Frazer, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to South Africa, who was introduced by Senator Warner; Jack Dyer Crouch II, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to Romania, who was introduced by Senator Bond; and Victor Henderson Ashe, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to Poland, who was introduced by Senator Alexander, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### BUSINESS MEETING (REVISION)

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* On Wednesday, April 21, Committee approved a revised amendment in the nature of a substitute, which will be offered as a Floor amendment to S. 344, expressing the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity (pending on Senate calendar).

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. Res. 310, commemorating and acknowledging the dedication and sacrifice made by the men and women who have lost their lives while serving as law enforcement officers;

H. Con. Res. 328, recognizing and honoring the United States Armed Forces and supporting the goals and objectives of a National Military Appreciation Month; and

S. 2270, to amend the Sherman Act to make oil-producing and exporting cartels illegal.

#### IMMIGRATION LAW ENFORCEMENT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Citizenship concluded a hearing to examine the assistance of state and local authority to enforce immigration laws, focusing on

an approach for stopping terrorists, the inherent arrest authority possessed by States, and the absence of Congressional preemption, after receiving testimony from Kris W. Kobach, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, Kansas City; E.J. Picolo, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Fort Myers; David A. Harris, University of Toledo College of Law, Toledo, Ohio; and Michelle Malkin, Bethesda, Maryland.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Measures Introduced:** 25 public bills, H.R. 4193–4217; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 603–606 were introduced. **Pages H2371–72**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H2373–74**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Con. Res. 388, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers' Memorial Service (H. Rept. 108–467);

H. Con. Res. 389, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the D.C. Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run (H. Rept. 108–468); and

H. Con. Res. 376, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby (H. Rept. 108–469). **Page H2371**

**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered today by Rev. Ronald J. Nuzzi, Director, ACE Leadership Program at the University of Notre Dame. **Page H2269**

**Reception to Receive Former Members of Congress in the House Chamber:** The House recessed to receive the United States Association of Former Members of Congress in the House Chamber. Later, agreed to the Kline motion that the proceedings had during the recess be printed in the Record. **Pages H2269–97**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:08 a.m. and reconvened at 10:45 a.m. **Page H2297**

**Continuity in Representation Act of 2003:** The House passed H.R. 2844, to require States to hold special elections to fill vacancies in the House of Representatives not later than 21 days after the va-

cancy is announced by the Speaker of the House of Representatives in extraordinary circumstances, by a yea-and-nay vote of 306 yeas to 97 nays, Roll No. 130. **Pages H2301–35**

The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. **Pages H2323–24**

Agreed to the Watt motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on House Administration with instructions by a voice vote. Then agreed to the amendment reported by the Committee on House Administration by a voice vote. **Pages H2333–35**

Agreed to:

Maloney amendment (made in order by a unanimous consent agreement that replaces the amendment no. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 108–466) that requires that states ensure to the greatest extent practicable that ballots are transmitted to uniformed services voters or overseas voters not later than 15 days after the Speaker's announcement of a vacancy and that the state shall accept and process the ballot so long as it is received by the appropriate state election official not later than 45 days after the State transmits the ballot or other election material to the voter. **Pages H2328–30**

Rejected:

Schiff amendment, no. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 108–466, that provides that any lawsuit challenging the Speaker's announcement that more than 100 vacancies exist must be filed within seven days of the announcement; **Pages H2330–31**